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SUBJ: JUSTICE PARTY DISCUSSES PROGRAM; INAN AGREES TO BE MINENERGY

1. JUSTICE PARTY (JP) JOINT PARLIAMENTARY GROUP MET
JULY 26 TO DISCUSS THE COALITION PROGRAM WHICH WILL BE
PRESENTED TO THE PARLIAMENT JULY 27. BULK OF THE MEETING WAS
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TAKEN UP BY JP CHAIRMAN DEMIREL, WHO DEFENDED DECISION TO
FORM COALITION GOVERNMENT IN ORDER " NOT TO SURRENDER THE
NATION TO THE LEFT". HE ALSO BRIEFLY DISCUSSED THE
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROGRAM. ONLY TWO OTHER PARTICIPANTS
IN THE MEETING TOOK THE FLOOR. ONE EXPRESSED MILD CRITICISM
OF VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE OTHER CRITICIZED
ITS CRITICS. BOTH SAID THEY PLANNED TO SUPPORT IT.

2. SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE JP JOINT PARLIAMENTARY GROUP DID NOT ATTEND THE MEETING. OPPOSITION PRESS SUGGESTED THAT SOME OF THOSE NOT IN ATTENDANCE MIGHT BE PLANNING TO OPPOSE THE GOVERNMENT DURING THE VOTE OF CONFIDENCE EXPECTED AUGUST 1. JP SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED, HOWEVER, THAT THE PARLIAMENTARY GROUP MEETING HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN SET FOR JULY 27 AND MANY PARLIAMENTARIANS HAD LEFT TOWN WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED OF THE CHANGE OF DATE.

3. DURING THE MEETING, AN ABORTIVE EFFORT WAS MADE TO EXPEL DEPUTY ORHAN ALP FROM THE PARTY BECAUSE OF HIS STATED OPPOSITION TO THE GOVERNMENT. ACCORDING TO MOST ACCOUNTS, THE EFFORT FAILED BECAUSE DEMIREL ASKED THAT IT NOT BE CARRIED THROUGH. ALP DID NOT ATTEND THE MEETING. SENATOR INAN, WHO HAD REFUSED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GOVERNMENT AS MINISTER OF ENERGY, DID ATTEND THE MEETING AND WAS SUBJECT TO SOME CRITICISM. HE DID NOT RESPOND.

4. DEMIREL ENCOURAGED THE JP PARLIAMENTARY GROUP TO DISCUSS THE PROGRAM UNTIL THEY WERE COMPLETELY SATISFIED. A SECOND MEETING WAS HELD DURING THE MORNING OF JULY 27 TO CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION. AT THAT MEETING A GROUP OF PARLIAMENTARIANS PRESENTED A MOTION ASKING SENATOR INAN TO RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF HIS PARTY AND ACCEPT THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POSITION OF MINISTER OF ENERGY. INAN ANSWERED THAT IN VIEW OF THIS EXPRESSED DESIRE BY HIS COLLEAGUES AND OF THE REQUEST OF PRIMIN DEMIREL-WHICH HE CONSIDERED A PERSONAL VOTE OF CONFIDENCE, HE WOULD AGREE TO SERVE AS MINENERGY.

5. COMMENT: DESPITE THE NON-ATTENDANCE OF SEVERAL JP PARLIAMENTARIANS AT JOINT PARLIAMENTARY GROUP MEETING JULY 26, THE GENERAL EXPECTATION IS THAT THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT WILL WIN THE VOTE OF CONFIDENCE AUGUST 1. INAN'S DECISION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GOVERNMENT WILL REINFORCE THAT EXPECTATION. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY SEVERAL KNOWLEDGEABLE JOURNALISTS WHO ARE NOT SYMPATHETIC TO THE NEW GOVERNMENT THAT THERE IS NO CHANCE THAT THE OPPOSITION WILL BE ABLE TO DEFEAT THE GOVERNMENT. RPP CHAIRMAN ECEVIT HAS ASKED ALL RPP PARLIAMENTARIANS TO REMAIN IN TOWN FOR THE NEXT WEEK. THE FACT THAT HE HAD TO ASK THEM TO DO SO SUGGESTS THAT THE RPP MEMBERSHIP IS NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE CHANCE OF DEFEATING THE DEMIREL COALITION.

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